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Freshman Class Officers elected

by Ashley Pierce

Freshman Class elections were recently held. Kelly Fahey, an elementary education major was elected class president. Jed Behny, also an elementary education major, was selected as vice president. Marcy Janjecic, a Math-Computer Science major was elected treasurer, and Sarah Klusek, a political science major was elected secretary. The elections had a very small turnout, and a few of the positions were uncontested. The position of secretary was still open after elections, so it was decided that Klusek, who was the only applicant for the position would become secretary. The newly elected Freshman Class officers have not yet planned any events.



Dr. Mark Johnson, professor of philosophy and Core, is moving to Marquette University to pursue research interests.

Johnson accepts position at Marquette

by Jeffrey Kirch

Dr. Mark Johnson will be leaving Saint Joseph's College after the spring semester. Johnson has taught at Saint Joseph's for six years and in that time he has been in the Philosophy/Religion department and in most of the Cores. In fact, Johnson is currently the Core I Director.

Johnson has accepted a position teaching moral theology at Marquette University. His duties will include both teaching and research. Johnson said, "I'm going to do what I'm doing now at Saint Joseph's and more." In fact, Marquette usually requires professors to publish a

book or article in order to gain tenure. "On the other hand, if you publish great books and can't teach you will not receive tenure," Johnson said.

"My work at Saint Joseph's will enable me to do better at Marquette than if I had went straight to there," Johnson said.

The "specialization" of Marquette's Theology Department is one of the criteria Johnson based his decision on. Johnson also says there is more of an opportunity to participate in contemporary theological debates while at Marquette. There are 40 undergrad students and 140 graduate students as com-

pared to less than twenty-five students in the Philosophy/Religion Department here.

"Only for a job like this would I leave Saint Joe's. Marquette offers Catholic education. I would not leave Saint Joseph's for a secular college," Johnson said.

Marquette and Milwaukee offers a better job market for Johnson's wife and offers total Catholic education for their son.

Finally, Johnson has this to say, "I will sincerely miss the faculty and I'm not leaving with bad feelings. Rensselaer and Saint Joseph's College is a wonderful place to be."

Senator Richard Lugar planning to address students today

by Julia Garcia

On November 19, Indiana Senator and Republican Presidential Candidate Richard Lugar will speak to students at the Alumni Memorial Fieldhouse of Saint Joseph's College. His visit is part of "Government Day" coordinated by Kankakee Valley High School History teacher Jerry Hoover.

The purpose of such an event is to create awareness and educate students about the roles and responsibilities of the governments.

Elected officials from all levels of government will be addressing the high school students. State officers, county commissioners, and

mayors are just a few of the expected guests.

About 1200-1300 high school students from eight districts are expected to attend the lecture, and admission is open to the public.

As a senator, Lugar gained national recognition for his agricultural policy reforms and foreign policy expertise and knowledge.

Junior Mike Delporte said, "If we want the Congress and the Executive Branch to work together, it might be a good idea if we had a president with congressional experience and connections."

Lugar is expected to speak around 12:15 pm.



SJC library: time to move forward into the 1990s

While at the Model United Nations Security Council, I had an opportunity to visit Manchester College's library. I have worked in the library here at Saint Joe since my Freshman year, which probably added to my surprise at how nice their library is.

Manchester's library is very spacious and well-lit. As you have probably noticed, Saint Joe is neither of these. Unlike SJC's library, there is also plenty of room and comfortable chairs, that are relatively isolated, for patrons to lounge in while they read. As you know, the reading space in the Saint Joe library is reserved mostly for the front reading room which is noisy and crowded and the basement, which is dark and hot.

Many people may not notice, but when prospective students are given tours at our library, they are rarely, if ever, taken back into the stacks. Perhaps this is due to a lack of time OR maybe it is because the stacks are crowded, dark, dusty and hot--basically unappealing and uncomfortable.

Manchester's student body is about the same size as Saint Joe's and they spend about the same amount of money on their overall library expenses, but, as Jody Watkins told me, according to the 1995-96 American Library Directory, their library holds almost 40,000 more books and subscribes to 44 more periodicals (the library's materials budget was cut by \$10,000 this year, so a lot of our periodical subscriptions were canceled).

As for our book collection, as most of the students I help in the library will attest to, most of them are terribly outdated. I am not a professor, but it seems to me that it would be difficult to educate students in the 1990s when the materials are from the 1960s, if they are to be found at all.

When I asked President Shannon his opinion about the library situation, he told me that he has dreams of

building a "virtual library" that would be "an electronic gateway to information sources around the world." Of course, he adds that these dreams are destined, at least for the time being, to remain dreams due to lack of funds.

Now that the Core building has been built, the next project under consideration is the building/renovation of residence halls. I agree that construction of the Core building was a necessity for the institution and I agree that some of the dorms are in need of renovation, BUT, the fact remains that our library is also in dire need.

I think the state of our library says a lot about the priorities of this college, its alumni, and its administration. I suppose if the alumni prefer to see their money go to sports, that's their prerogative, but the purpose of this school is to educate. As such, it is sage to say that education should be the number one priority of this institution. Unfortunately for the pocketbook of this institution, educational materials and a suitable environment in which to use those materials is an essential part of education.

The library staff does a tremendous job with what little resources they have to work with. What little money the library gets from the administration, donors, and grants is put to good use. The Infotrac, CD Newsbank, and PALNI-Netscape computers are all very helpful for research. Interlibrary loan, although slow, is also useful. The library staff can locate practically anything a student would want, whether it can be found in our library or not.

Of course, this does not change the fact that our library is dark, crowded, and hot and its materials are limited and outdated. I hope that the administration and those who donate money to this college will re-evaluate what is truly important to this institution: the education of its students.

--Heather Lonborg

Letter to the Editor

As the Student Union Board Director, I am in charge of several board members who run the most popular events on campus. These board members are assisted by the other board members, as well as their committee members. The committee members are desperately needed year after year and are recruited at Club Call-Out at the beginning of the school year. Everyone is invited to be a committee member on the Student Union Board, yet few people sign up each year.

I get several complaints about the various events SUB puts on throughout the year. SJC students seem to have plenty to whine about, but when I suggest to them to "get involved," they choose not to and continue to criticize.

I believe there are no leaders left on this campus. In years past, when the time came for some of our biggest events, such as Lip Sync and Mr. Puma, we got an overflow of volunteers to participate in the event. However, this past year, we had to beg people to be in Mr. Puma and Lip Sync. Why should we carry on with these big campus events year after year if the interest just isn't there? Don't get me wrong, attendance is strong each year, but participation is poor. Then after the event is over, students complain about the people and acts that participated in the event. It's a no win situation.

On October 31, the night of this year's Lip Sync, I left the event very hot-tempered. Throughout the event, I heard "booing" at some of the acts. In addition, when Brigid Boos, Carrie Groen, and Dave Templin performed live, students showed their disrespect by talking throughout their performance. The audience needs to realize that it takes a lot of guts to get up on stage and perform in front of the student body.

SUB does all we can to keep the SJC campus entertained on a daily basis. We show two movies per day on WPUM, in addition, we have as many comedians, bands, speakers, and big-screen movies as possible with our budget.

Now I ask you, the students, to get involved. If you don't like what we've done this semester, join us and bring suggestions for change. We are going to be choosing events soon for next semester. Join the films committee if you want to help choose the movies to be shown on WPUM next semester. If you didn't like the groups who volunteered to be in Lip Sync a week ago, get some ambition and volunteer yourself next year. The same goes for Mr. Puma, sign up and be a leader on campus. The Student Union Board wouldn't exist if it weren't for you, the students.

--Cindy Rinke, SUB Director ext. 8325

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Accesses to computer labs changed

by Cindy Aubuchon

Since the opening of the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center, students may have noticed several changes. Not only have most of the classes moved to the new building, but also the computer labs in the Science building and the Computer Center have opened up, allowing for more access to students not enrolled in computer classes.

Although there are thirty-one 75 MegaHertz Pentium processor computers with 16 Megs of RAM and 540 Meg hard drives in the new Core classroom, it will be used only as a classroom during this school year. It may open up and have supervised lab hours, as does the Science 219 lab, but trying to manage the machines and equipment with security and keeping people from making changes from one class to the next will be difficult to manage in a lab situation according to Computer Administrator Bruce Mathew, because the Core classroom is different from Science 219 because it is more Windows-capable than 219. The same applications are being used, and network capabilities are the same, but the classroom in the Core building will allow professors to do more with the overhead projector and

soundcards down the road.

"The computer classroom in the Core Building is very nice, but it was not designed to become a public lab," Mathew stated. A committee is still debating on whether the room will become a lab or not because some of the applications work only in that room. "There won't be many open hours [in the Core classroom]. It will be supervised, as in 'if the student is not in the class, he or she cannot come in.'" And, as availability in the Science 219 and Upstairs labs opens up, plans are to phase out the SLUPO lab and get rid of the old, outdated computers in there.

Faculty members whose offices are in the Core building have been given new computers similar to the ones in the new classroom; however, these new computers have Microsoft office and CD capabilities not available to students using the computers in the Core classroom. Also, new laser printers have been added to the second floor of the Core building for faculty and the computer classroom. New software is also being made available to students and faculty, yet Textra will remain on the system. Any changes involving the removal of Textra and changing the software will take

place over the summer, not during this school year.

One of the changes students will see when they login is Netscape access. Students have been granted Netscape access for a period of time during which administrators will evaluate its use. Netscape causes a lot of traffic that the main computers on campus may not be able to handle. It is turned on now, but if there is any serious overloading, Netscape will be turned off until the computer system is updated with bigger, better machines. However, it is unknown whether updating the computers will occur next month or next summer.

Some students and faculty members may be concerned about the access to certain files on the Netscape, such as those containing pornography, which have caused controversy throughout the world.

"We have to consider that everyone on campus is an adult; they must be reasonable and use their heads in these situations," Mathew said. While Saint Joseph's can't censor what students are looking at on Netscape, they can put pressure on the people and organizations providing the services to Netscape if it becomes an issue here on campus.

News Brief

A campus Pro-Life group is forming. Contact Brian DiPaolo or the Campus Ministry Office for information.

The mission trip to Appalachia during Thanksgiving Break. has been canceled and rescheduled for Spring Break. For more information contact the Campus Ministry office at 6302

The annual Justin/Halas Christmas Dance will be held in the Ballroom at 9:00pm on Saturday, December 2.

Student Volunteer Corps will reschedule "Rake and Run" after Thanksgiving break due to bad weather

Halleck Christmas Tree Decorating Party is being held in the Ballroom at 3:00pm on November 30. Any campus organization, club, or individual can submit an ornament for judging.

SCA offers jobs

by Becky Johnson

Since 1957, the Student Conservation Association has participated in the projects concerning endangered species protection, ecological restoration, air and water monitoring and natural resources management.

Now, SCA, is looking for student participation. Their programs vary in description. Over 15,000 Student Assistants have joined in the projects. Students work 40 hours a week. Funds for covering expenses are provided for by SCA.

SCA workers have assisted in cleaning up the Alaska's Prince William Sound Oil Spill and the Yellowstone National Park fire damage.

If you are at least 18 years old, you can participate the various SCA activities. The experience of conservation and academic credit is given to those that join in SCA. "We provide a public service while providing an experience that volunteers can't forget," stated SCA Director Wallace Elton.

For more information about the SCA's Resource Assistant Program, contact: the Student Conservation Association, P.O. Box 550, Charlestown, New Hampshire 03603-0550, (603) 543-1700.

"Gitcha Some of That" places first in the Annual Lip Sync

by Kim Chrustowski

The annual Lip Sync took place on Halloween. Although usually very popular, Julie Lanoue, head of the contest, had to do "a lot of begging" to get people involved. The Sunday prior to the contest, only two groups were willing to perform. Lanoue's hard work paid off and she was able to get a total of six groups to participate. However, Gayle Hirsch, senior, said, "I was disappointed in this year's low turnout."

For the third year in a

row, Brigid Boos and Carrie Groen, along with newcomer, Dave Templin, gave a live performance as the votes were calculated. Cindy Rinke, head of SUB, considered their performance to be a "huge hit" with the crowd.

Once the votes were added up, the winner was "Gitcha Some of That", who took home a prize of \$75. The group members were: Vanessa Mangiaforte, Jenni Smoker, Natalie Bellar, Jennifer Mantz, Gary Campbell, Todd Tyler, J Sedam, and Bill

O'Donovan. They performed the song "Paradise by Dashboard Light" by Meatloaf.

Second place and a prize of \$50 went to Josh Northup, Elizabeth Sawyer, Amy Dillon, Michelle Davies, Sharon Bowling, Sandy Schuman, Ann-Marie Vidal, Monica Tracy, Andrea Messner, and Vicky Jaroszewski of the group, "The Bob's" who sang, "Girls" by the Beastie Boys. Third prize in the Lip Sync went to Josh Northup of "Ital Root" who sang, "Redemp-

tion Song" by Bob Marley. Northup won \$25 for his effort.

Others involved in this year's Lip Sync were Dan Smith, Jim Sacco, Bryan Glenduning, Angi Ohara, Kami Conlon, and Melissa McClain who performed "White Lion" by Duran Duran. Lani Moore sang "Me and Bobbi McGee," and Reagan Montague, Angie Moster, and Anne Lacure sang to "Tootsie Roll". (Special thanks to Julie Lanoue)

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Completion of the Core Building creates diverse reactions



photo by Rachel Hempel

The new technology in the Core Building has required numerous hours training for professors.

by William Shannon

The anticipation is finally over. The time has finally come. After months of speculation and wondering on the part of the faculty, students and alumni of Saint Joseph's College, the Charles Banet C.P.P.S. Core Education center has finally left dry

dock and set off on its maiden voyage.

Now is the critical period for the Core Building. The ceremony and pomp have ended. The wide-eyed gawking of all of those who passed through its doors upon the dedication, on Parent's Weekend and for the Inaugural

Lecture have been transformed. Now, the Saint Joseph's College community must learn and work in this facility on a daily basis. Was all of the waiting and initial praise worth it? Is the Core Building all it was cracked up to be?

On the part of the faculty, there were nothing but positive responses. Father James Froelich, who has attended lectures and presided over classes in the new building, said that the new facility was "marvelous," although he went on to say that he hopes that the technology in the Shen Auditorium doesn't "kill" him.

Dr. David Chattin

had a similar opinion of the new facility. "I was waiting for the building, but I didn't know it," said Chattin. Chattin has a class in the Courtney Auditorium, which is also called the mini-lecture hall. He commented that "teaching in the mini-lecture hall made me realize what was missing from my teaching technique." Lastly, Chattin asserted that the Core Building, with its different environments and styles of classrooms, will force the faculty to consider their teaching styles. "Some of us have been teaching in the Science Building for a long time, and the move to the Core building will force the faculty to

consider the question 'Is this the best way that I could be teaching this?' The Core Building offers faculty the opportunity to do something different."

Finally, Maureen Montgomery also thinks that the Core Building was worth the wait. She also spoke to the transcendental nature of the new building. "It represents a commitment to education, a commitment to SJC and a commitment to the inhabitants of and visitors to SJC."

The students were similarly pleased with the Core Building. Freshman Joe Masterson said that it was "awesome," and that the new building was giving him "good vibes." He also said that the new lecture hall was "definitely high-tech. Really state-of-the-art."

Sophomore Matt Jenks, who has attended two lectures in the Shen Auditorium, said that the new technology in the Core Building will help the lecturers and presenters illustrate their theses and points better. Jenks then went on to comment that he "liked the chairs."

Although he likes the facility overall, Junior Brian DiPaolo says that the technological advances in the lecturing process will only facilitate the presentation. They will not, however, make a poorly constructed lecture better.

As all of us listen to or give lectures in the Shen Auditorium, attend our Core discussion groups in the new classrooms, or move into our new offices, we must consider what this new building means to us.



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Keeping in touch with old friends

by Donna Jean Heitz

Leaving for college requires a tremendous amount of determination, self-assurance and, in some cases, sacrifice. For many, going to school away from home means leaving friends, often very close friends, behind.

Will we keep in touch? What if we change and our relationship is not the same? All these questions, and more, cross most of our minds at some point before "the big move."

While interviewing Freshmen Chrissy Chianelli and Anne-Marie Vidal, Chianelli admitted that she had worried about leaving her friends back home. Of course, this is common for newcomers.

Vidal said that she had been excited about going away to college. But, the day before she came to Saint Joe's, she realized, "These were some of my best friends [that I was leaving], I may

never meet anyone as important in my life again."

How do you maintain these friendships while you are apart? E-mail seems to be the choice form of communication. It is simple, available and free.

Chianelli talks to her friends over the phone, but emphatically assures me, "We e-mail every day!"

Sophomore Charles Bowling knew maintaining his friendships from home would not be a problem. E-mail plays a major part.

"I'd be broke if it weren't for e-mail," confesses Sophomore DeAnn Hazzard.

Building new friendships at school is also a concern. Sure, you meet the others in your dorm or in your classes, but there is a hard line between "people you know" and "friends." Making friends is not always easy.

Chianelli says, "I was afraid it would be hard to make new ones." Vidal

chimes in, "But you have!"

Junior Jen Emeritz thinks the key to making friends is putting forth an effort. "If you don't make the attempt to get to know other people, then you lose out." She has seen many people come and go from Saint Joe's because they did not make the effort. "Several people I know have spent only one weekend here, if that, since the beginning of the semester."

How do you do it, though? Bonding with people you barely know is not the easiest thing in the world!

According to Bowling, jumping in the reflecting pond naked was a major bonding experience. Besides that, there was also Kairos and the always good time hanging out at Wal-Mart.

My own mother told me the other day, "The friends you make in college are usually the ones you have throughout the rest of your life."

The Zimmer Reviews



by Brian Zimmer

In my last column I took a break from the usually whining and complaining that usually dominates campus-wide discourse, and decided to shed some positive light on the everyday doings of the Saint Joseph's College administration.

That was in my last column.

This week I am pissed off. What, you may ask has got the ever-so-smooth, polite, friend-to-all, all around nice guy, Z-man in a ball of mini-rage. Let me tell you.

Over the course of this year WPUM-FM has requested that its programming be played over the speakers in the cafeteria. Although you can't always hear what is being played, its nice to know that a) one campus function is supporting another, and b) The student run, WPUM is getting a little extra plug from its fellow Pumas.

For some reason this isn't happening. In fact it has turned into an all out battle. Does this issue seem ridiculous or what?

The cafeteria, not to mention the HUB and other areas on campus, are one of the main focuses of student attention (like it or not, we have to eat). It only seems right that a student function, like WPUM, would take precedent over anything else.

What relationship does Saint Joseph's have with WLQI, WPUM's closest competitor? None. In fact WLQI can barely consider itself part of the community because of its mostly automated qualities.

On the other hand WPUM is run by the students with assistance from faculty, it participates in promoting every on campus event (as long as we know about it) and the students, who pay \$15,000 to attend SJC, want to hear it when they eat. Frankly the thought of Michael Bolton and pork fritters makes me a bit nauseous.

The next time you see someone with stripes of power on their sleeve, tell them to change the station to WPUM!!

Now, reviews of new stuff on WPUM, Puma Rock. Supernova "Ages 3 and

up". No this is not Offspring or Green Day or anything other than really fun Rock n' Roll. It is very "punk" sounding but I hate to say that a band is punk because it loses meaning and form in translation.

Supernova's new album is fast-paced with songs ranging from four minutes to 40 seconds. "Ages 3 and up" combines the best in ego inflation, being a daredevil, taking vitamins, drooling (yes, slobbering), and an occasional song about aliens.

The beat is always up tempo which gets a bit monotonous until you get into the groove of the album. After that it is smooth sailing with Supernova's dorky lyrics, and inventive yet plain, new melodies.

It's not extremely serious stuff but that is what is fun and refreshing about it. This album will grow on you in time.....resistance is futile!! I give "Ages 3 and Up," 7 worn out flannels and 2 really grungy guitars.

Boss Hog (self-titled). O.K., before everyone heads to the door because I'm not reviewing stuff that you like, take it easy honey! Boss Hog is the brain child of John Spencer (Pussy Galore, John Spencer Blues Explosion) and Cristina Martinez. Now that your sitting down, let me tell you what a nifty album this is.

This LP has it all; funky beats, driving guitar, blues guitar, harmonizing, screaming, and plenty of naughty words which used in the right places make me very happy...in a professional sense...of course.

Produced by John Spencer, every thing on Boss Hog's album seems to flow as if Spencer had a master plan for the whole thing. This is not the kind of album to play at the prom.

It is, however, a marvelous album to see live, mosh along with, and jam to while sipping a few brews (off campus, please.) This is a very loud and eclectic album, but it is also a quality release from Boss Hog.

I give it 7 over-zealous security people and 6 new people who leave campus on the weekends because they can't drink the brews that go along with jamming Boss Hog!!

Don't forget that John Hiatt, Alice in Chains, Ozzy Osborne, Bloodloss (with Mudhoney's Mark Arm), and many other fine artists have new albums out.

MOM's causes student response

MOM's Coffeehouse.... by Vanessa Mangiaforte and Peggy McLeish

M.O.M.'s coffeehouse was begun earlier this fall by James Sedam, Monty Faith, and Jed Behny. It is in the basement of Merlini hall on Wednesday nights. Not only is there coffee at M.O.M.'s, but there is an enjoyable atmosphere familiar to anyone who enjoys coffeehouses. The following are quotes from resident students on what they think of M.O.M.'s place:

"I started M.O.M.'s to have intellectual interaction with the students on campus. Unfortunately, there are not enough people coming and M.O.M.'s is dying. It is a non-profit place and it needs more interest in order to keep on living." —Monty

Faith, senior

"M.O.M.'s place brings a relaxed, laid back atmosphere to St. Joe's which allows the students to channel their creativity into something constructive." —James Sedam, junior

"I've never been, but I hear they get naked and play music on accordians and stuff down there — those crazy men of Merlini!!" —Eric McKeown, senior

"I enjoy going. The students need this to show their talents and meet people. It would be better if more students would attend." —Danielle Adams, sophomore

"It is a nice, friendly environment to meet new people. Even though it is on campus,

it is a nice getaway." —Kathy Jarowicz, freshman

Our thoughts:

M.O.M.'s is a great place to sit, relax, and chat with some friends. It is a much needed activity for St. Joe's...seeing as there is no other place of its type in the area. The coffee is cheap, the music can be good, and the company is unbeatable. We recommend more people try to go and see what M.O.M.'s is all about for themselves.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions about M.O.M.'s, contact Monty Faith in Merlini. For any of you who might have an issue they would like to see handled in our column, feel free to send your ideas to Mary McLeish or Vanessa Mangiaforte via e-mail.

Puma basketball players show their skills against AAU

by Kevin Collins

It's November and that means it is basketball season once again. The Pumas kicked off their basketball preseason on November 4th as they played the first of their two exhibition games against the Indiana AAU team, which featured former Saint Joseph's standout Harry Perry. This was the first opportunity for the old and new members of the team to exhibit their skills.

Returning Puma play-

ers include seniors Chad Pulver, Kevin Denson, and Roger Fry, juniors Ryan Davis, Walter Perkins, and Brian Philps, and sophomores Chris Young and Chad Patterson.

The strong cast of newcomers joining the team this season include freshmen Steve Shutte, Joe Reed, and Aukjan van Belkum along with sophomores Dontea Bronaugh and Hiram Thomas.

Under the guidance of

third-year head coach Bill Bland, the Pumas fought their way to a 91-83 victory. Leading the Pumas to victory were Kevin Denson with 25 points and 3 steals, Steve Shutte with 18 points and 3 steals, and Walter Perkins with 15 points and 2 steals.

Coach Bland spread the playing time out and gave everyone a chance to show what they could do. The preseason performances can build or cut down on a player's future playing time

and each of the guys gave Coach Bland reason to play them in the future.

After getting one victory under their belt the Pumas were looking to get another on November 9 against the Croatian Junior National team, but that game was cancelled because the Croatians had six of their players called up to the National team, leaving their team short of enough players to compete with the Pumas.

With the cancellation

of the Croatian game a contest was then scheduled against Team Poland for November 10, but they had a schedule conflict with another university. So the Pumas had to once again make a schedule improvisation and get Team Poland lined up to play during Thanksgiving break on November 19th at 7 P.M.

The Puma basketball team will start their regular season on Nov. 25th against Ferris State.

Football team fights mistakes, bad weather in final game of season

by Skip Malaski

The St. Joseph's College Pumas finished off the season on Saturday, November 11 with a 14-0 loss to the Indianapolis Greyhounds. The disappointing loss was the end to a frustrating sequence of events.

The team bus was stuck in a twenty-three car pile-up on I-65, which caused the game to start two hours late. The Pumas were forced to prepare for the game, including taping, dressing, and warming up, in only thirty minutes.

The sub-freezing temperatures, mixed with fierce winds and a sloppy field held the Puma offense in check all afternoon. Three fumbles and an interception stopped the Pumas on several key drives.

Junior Zac Wells and

senior Doug Giordano led the Puma defense, together accounting for nearly twenty tackles. Seniors Steve Kowalewicz and Corey Marshall helped the defense stop the Greyhounds by making big plays.

The game was shortened by twenty minutes in order to get the game in before dark. The Greyhound defense never really stopped the Pumas, the Pumas stopped themselves.

Several seniors played their last game for the Pumas. Mark Lovrich, Harvey Culver, Doug Giordano, Dwayne Schwemlien, Steve Kowalewicz, Corey Marshall, Jim Eckman, and Mike Malaski are to be respected for their years of service on the football team.



Puma Sports News:

The men's soccer team finished their season with a 3-1 loss to Southern Indiana in the GLVC tournament. The team finished with a record of 8-13 for the 1995 season.

The Lady Pumas volleyball team lost to Huntington College on November 6. Their season record was 5-24.

The men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Division II Great Lakes Regional on November 5. The men's team finished in 19th place. Charlie Barrett was the top finisher for the Pumas.

The women's cross country team finished in 9th place at Regionals. Laura Witek was the top finisher for the Pumas in 8th place. This is the highest finish ever for the Lady Pumas.



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I.M. football players enjoyed intense competition and rivalry.

I. M. FOOTBALL RESULTS:

Congratulations to the men of Noll and the women of Justin- 1995 I.M. football champions!!!

Saint Joseph's golf team to return in 1996

by Skip Malaski

The Saint Joseph's College golf team will return to action as a scholarship sport for the 1996-97 spring season. Athletic director Lynn Plett has told STUFF that a coach has been contacted and the golf team will be in competition in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) next fall.

The lack of participation and the re-budgeting of athletics reduced golf to a club sport for the 95-96 school year.

A name has not been released for the new golf coach; however, this coach will be a full-time recruiting coach for the golf team and for St. Joseph's College.

President Shannon is in full support of the return of golf to St. Joseph's.

"Golf is the only sport at St. Joe that I regularly play. Golfers tend to be very good students and can definitely improve the image of St. Joseph's College. Also, my handicap is 18."

ATHLETE PROFILE

New member of SJC basketball team far from home

by John Osborne

It would appear as if the Athletic Department of Saint Joseph's College has done it again! From far away, more athletic talent has found its way to obscure Rensselaer, Indiana-this time in the form of basketball player Aukjan van Belkum. As the Pumas gear up for their first official game on November 21, A.J., as van Belkum is known to the college community, seemed not the least bit nervous.

"I'm probably going to play in the 4 or 5 position," the 6'7", 219 lb. freshman said. "Offense is my weakness now, but I'm in pretty good shape and hope to work hard."

Van Belkum grew up

in the small town of Goutum in the Netherlands, the youngest of two children.

Surprisingly, Rensselaer was not van Belkum's first stop in the United States; he attended high school in Seattle, Washington for the 1992-93 term. He returned home, however, the following year and graduated from high school last spring.

Unfortunately for van Belkum (and fortunately for the men's basketball program), there is no such thing as high school basketball in his country. Therefore his basketball career consisted of playing club teams.

As fortune would have it, though, his coach in the Netherlands did a stint at

Saint Joseph's and other schools in America, and was able to put him in contact with the coaches. As it turned out, Saint Joseph's intrigued him most.

"I like it here," van Belkum said. "It's small and I feel I would get lost at a big school. In general I like America, too, but the rules are a little more strict."

As far as basketball goes, the Biology-Chemistry major has so far been impressed with the players and the coaching staff. He cites the amount of time and money put into sports in America as the greatest difference between basketball in this country and the Netherlands.

"In Holland I would

practice three times a week for two hours at a time and play one game a week," van Belkum said.

When compared to the twenty hours a week put in at Saint Joseph's it sounds like enough to scare someone off. Van Belkum, however, seems to have risen to the occasion and is having a lot of fun.

"This is a good program here," he said. "We practice hard and learn to work together, and he (Head Coach Bill Bland) makes us improve. If you slack off, you're out."

If things go as well as he hopes, van Belkum said he plans to stay with the Pumas for all four years of his college eligibility.



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The volleyball team ended their season Nov. 6.



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A. J. van Belkum puts in many hours of practice with the Puma basketball team.

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Life's potholes surface when least expected

by Kathleen Brass

It seems funny the way life sometimes sticks a pothole in the happy road of life right at the point where you are going along fine. But, because luck never fails (especially mine) it seems I hit those darn potholes altogether too often.

Just three weeks ago I was really feeling good. I had almost overcome Mono, and I was finally feeling active after two weeks of doing an impersonation of a two-toed sloth. The fact that I was feeling better was cause for a great celebration because I am, generally speaking, a relatively high strung individual with places to go, people to see, and things to

do. Sitting around, sleeping, and being lazy is something I usually reserve for Christmas and Summer breaks.

So, in my fury to celebrate the recovery from my seemingly exhausting illness, I decided to help my friend celebrate his birthday by taking him to Great America for Fright Fest. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Great America, Fright Fest is the time when the park gets ready for Halloween with ghosts, goblins, a huge haunted house, and millions of idiots, like myself, running around in the cold.

Even before finalizing our plans, my mother (God bless her heart), continuously reminded me that I had "no

place being outside...in the cold...walking around only two weeks after almost dying." She kept telling me, "Kate, you are just asking for something bad to happen."

But, knowing that my mother has a tendency to overdramatize a situation, I ignored her warning and decided to be that self-righteous, "I know what is right," free-thinking child every parent hates.

Now is the time that I warn all of you that God is watching from above, ready to strike. I know this for a fact, because the second I left my house that morning I was doomed.

Yes, when my mother warned me not to go to Great

America, she was correct. It almost amazes me that she can predict the future in that way because only about eight miles from the park I crashed my car.

I was so happy to be going out for the first time in three weeks. The radio was playing, and my friend and I were singing. Then we hit traffic. The highway was a single lane under construction, and it was so new that it looked like it needed some broken glass to make it complete. And, as luck would have it, we were just about clearing the traffic after very smooth sailing at 20 mph and CRASH!

That was it. My car wiped out! Just as my mother had warned, something terrible had happened.

Now, you may ask, "Kathleen, How do you know that God will respond if I don't listen to the warning advice of my parents?" And I will answer, "Because my mother has told me so repeatedly, every time I talk to her, since my little accident that day."

But I have definitely learned my lesson from my little predicament. When life seems to be driving along rather happily, make sure to look for those nasty potholes. If you follow too close you may not see the pothole, not have enough time to brake, and rear-end the person ahead of you, who is, until that moment, perfectly happy too.



This photograph of a swarm of bees nesting on a tree branch was taken by Rachel Hempel near Galien, Michigan in late October. This swarm, which probably left its hive as a group, is unusual because it is so cold in Michigan that swarms usually try to nest inside of trees, and not on the exterior of branches.

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Needs

a song by Andy Hicks, sophomore

She died about a year ago
When she died it hurt him so
He loved her like no one else before
Love like that doesn't happen anymore
When he asked her to take his hand
She did and made him a happy man
She was driving home with their child late at night
When a drunk driver decided to ruin his life

chorus

And he needs someone to talk with
He needs someone to walk with
He's locked in a jail of her memory
And all he wants is his soul to be freed

He wakes up to an empty bed
He can't believe she's really dead
He hoped that it was all just a nightmare
And he'd wake up with her smiling there
He goes through the old routine
He thinks life is just a bad dream
He doesn't really have much to say
Just that his life ended that day

chorus

And he needs someone to talk with
He needs someone to walk with
He's locked in a jail of her memory
And all he wants is his soul to be freed